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"Chio Price likes to tell this on Joe Smith," says the Aurora Advertiser:
"They both went to Kell's show one
night last week. It had rained in the
afternoon and the show tent leaked in
one place, letting the rain drop down
into a reserved seat, filling the angu-
ishing canvas bottom full of water.
Price first spied the vacant seat and
asked someone seated near if it was
spoken for. 'Oh, no!' replied the
man. 'Just be seated.' So Price sat
down easy like and when he touched
the water he rose as quietly as possi-
ble and sneaked off to the other side
of the reserves. Presently Joe Smith
came in and he also spied the vacant
seat up near the front, so he made a
break for it, thinking how lucky he
was, and sat down full force, splash-

ing the water in every direction. Joe
gave up the seat in a hurry, but not
before Price had a chance to laugh it
in on him."

"Stories are often told of romances
and even marriages resulting from
names and addresses placed in cases
of eggs shipped to the city market,"
says the Howell County Gazette, "and
even peach packers often put their
names in crates of the luscious fruit
hoping to start something. But it was
left to J. T. Richardson, Jr., of Kosh-
konong, car checker at the association
shed, to leave his hat in a car of
peaches going to Boston. It has been
learned that the peaches sold well,
but no account has as yet been re-
ceived for the sale of the hat."

A PLATFORM THAT ANY VOTER CAN STAND ON

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ligion. We assert that there is no
provision of the constitution which
cannot be enforced without the viola-
tion of any of its other provisions.

Rape Hyde Administration
The obligation to observe the con-
stitution less with special weight upon
officers of the law, who, both by of-
ficial oath and legal enactment, are
charged with the high duty of pre-
serving the constitution and defending
the rights of the people thereunder.

We arraign the present state govern-
ment for willful infraction of the
rights of the citizens as ordained by
the constitution of the United States
and the state of Missouri. In this
constitutional government we have
more to fear from the vice of arbitrary
power than from all other vices com-
bined. The constitution must be re-
spected and obeyed by every public
official, and official oppression should
be vigorously punished.

The present state government has,
without legal warrant, invaded homes
and places of business, and violated
the rights of persons and property. It
has imprisoned numerous people with-
out charge of any kind. It has re-
peatedly denied the right of bail, and
to speedy trial. It has established
boards with arbitrary powers. It has
sought to deprive the people of dis-
tricts and communities of immemorial
rights and privileges. It has abused
its temporary power by attempting
through a partisan legislature to oust
from office a large number of men,
including many judges of learning,
probity and experience. It has sought
by the subterfuge of enacting a simi-
lar statute after a referendum had
been in accordance with law demand-
ed to nullify the right of referendum
guaranteed to the people in the con-
stitution. In order to consummate its
vilest purposes and to gain political
advantage, it attempted to gerrymen-
der the state, so as to unjustly perpe-
trate its power, and to deprive the
people of a fair opportunity at the
polls to correct and repudiate the
faults, crimes and blunders by it com-
mitted.

Bailed Up Bonuses
It advised the people of the state
that the proceeds of \$15,000,000 of
bonds would be ample to pay the state
soldiers' bonuses. Relying upon this in-
formation, the people cheerfully voted
bonds on the specified amount. It
now develops that the amount is in-
sufficient and that while a part of the
soldiers have received payment in full,
a great number have received nothing.
This stupid blunder should be prompt-
ly corrected and provision made to
do full justice to all of our soldiers,
sailors and marines.

It has laid unjust and heavy taxes
upon all the people and has imposed
an undue share of the burden upon
the farmers of the state. It reduced
taxes on franchises one-half, on in-
come one-third and at the same time
practically doubled taxes on homes
and farms.

We favor an equitable assessment
of all property, both personal and
real, and a tax rate which will produce
no more money than is actually re-
quired for an honest and economical
administration of the state, county,
city and municipal governments.

Its pre-election promises of re-
form and reform have been re-
deemed by acts of wanton extrava-
gance, and shameless oppression and
wrong.

We appeal to the people of this
state, in the referendum vote about to
be taken, to repudiate the unjust and
vicious laws attempted to be fastened
upon the people by the Hyde adminis-
tration.

Harding Promises Broken
The present national administration
promised to abolish the high cost of
living, reduce the burden of taxation
to the people, and protect them
against the exactions of trust, con-
spiracy, monopolies and profiteers,
to promptly pay a just bonus to the
soldiers of war, and to inaugurate
efficiency, economy and reform in the
federal government. These pledges
have all been violated; its entire car-
rier is characterized by favor, incom-
petency and complete subservience to
the great trusts, combines and finan-
cial overlords.

A representative of these interests,
himself the second richest man in the
United States, chief owner of one of
the greatest monopolies of the world,
a director in sixty-eight banks, trusts
and industrial companies, and the
business associate and friend of the
multi-millionaires of the United
States, was promptly made secretary
of the treasury.

At his demand the soldiers' bonus
bill was thrust aside, likewise, gave
no substantial reason to the citizens, yet
sought to reduce taxes on corporate
stock, millionaires and profiteers in
the sum of \$615,000,000 per annum.

The same influences are seeking to
force the enactment of a tariff bill,
which in many instances raises the
tariff duties 200 to 500 per cent, de-
prives the American consumer of the
benefit of world competition and en-

ables the trust and combines of the
United States to levy an indirect tax
of more than \$500,000,000 per annum
upon the American people. In many
instances these high tariff rates were
fixed at the direct demand of com-
binations now under indictment for
conspiracy to restrain trade, fix prices
and establish monopolies.

The Trusts Favored
We charge that the national adminis-
tration has notoriously failed to en-
force the law against trusts, combines
and monopolies. It has not only per-
mitted them to continue their business
conspiracies and to thereby reap vast
profit, but has let go unchallenged the
reaction combines and trusts hereto-
fore dissolved by the courts.

We challenge attention to the fact
that the present administration sought
to fasten upon the country the huge
burden of a ship subsidy for the bene-
fit of companies, many of which are
ultimately associated with, if not com-
pletely controlled by, foreign interests,
and which already enjoy immense
profits.

The lavish use of money in either
primary or general elections is obnox-
ious to public morals and poisons the
very source of government. It in ef-
fect, places every public office of the
land upon the auction block to be
knocked down to the highest bidder.
Of particular significance, therefore,
is the action of the Republican party
in seating Truman H. Newberry at
Michigan.

In the face of undisputed facts, as
recited in the resolution, his seat was
confirmed. That resolution declared
that the sums of money in his cam-
paign expended were "contrary to
sound public policy, harmful to the
honor and dignity of the senate, and
dangerous to the perpetuity of free
government, and that such excessive
expenditures are hereby severely con-
demned and disapproved."

Rap Newberry Decision
Having thus in solemn resolution
denounced the vilifying of his election,
the Republican majority in congress
nevertheless declared that Mr. New-
berry had "been duly elected for a
term of six years." By this action
the majority proclaimed its own
shame and its deliberate ratification
of the wrong it had certified and de-
nounced. It condoned and condoned
the offense, but gave to Mr. Newberry
the fruits of iniquity. We recall with
regret and humiliation the fact that
Selden P. Senecker, the junior senator
from Missouri, was the leader in the
perpetration of this national outrage.

We favor legislation by both the
state and the United States prohibiting
the establishment of branch banks.
We demand a reversal of the pol-
icies and practices of the national ad-
ministration above referred to.

We insist upon a strict enforcement
of the laws, both state and national,
against trusts and combinations in
restraint of trade, and conspiracies to
fix prices.

Protest Tax Levies
We protest the taxes should be so
levied as to reduce the burden upon
people of moderate means and compel
the payment of a just share of the
public revenues by the possessors of
vast incomes, profits and fortunes.

The right of labor to organize in
order to protect itself against oppres-
sion, to secure fair and safe working
conditions and just recompense for its
toil and to bargain collectively, and
if it seems proper to peacefully quit
its employment, either individually or as
an organization, is indubitable and
inseparable from liberty. These natu-
ral rights necessarily carry with them
the right peaceably to assemble in
order to discuss grievances, to devise
plans for relief and the right to ap-
peal to their fellows or the public for
sympathy and support.

We are opposed to the deprivation
of our limitation upon these natural
rights by any method, device or pro-
cess whatsoever.

We pledge the Democracy of Mis-
souri to the preservation, in their full
meaning and integrity, of freedom of
speech, freedom of the press and the
right of peaceful assembling.

We deny the right or power of any
department of government, state or
national, to abridge, restrict or inter-
fere with these constitutional guar-
antees.

As a result of the failure of the
legislature to carry out a mandatory
provision of the constitution of this
state requiring registration in all
counties of 100,000 population or over,
St. Louis county, one of the largest
and most populous counties of the
state, has been the innocent victim of
political exploitation by a corrupt Re-
publican boss-controlled machine and
election frauds have been perpetrated
in its boldness and impunity and the
will of the voters set at naught.

For Bonus to Soldiers
We therefore pledge the Democratic
party, if successful in being restored
to political power, to enact a proper
and efficient registration law to com-
ply with the constitutional require-
ment and to purge this county of its
present impurity and corruption in
elections.

We declare that the soldiers, sail-
ors, marines and nurses who served
our country in the war are entitled

not only to the thanks and applause
of the country, but to reasonable com-
pensation for the losses by them sus-
tained.

We, therefore, favor the payment of
an adjusted compensation, but also
declare such a bill should provide for
the payment in the reasonably near
future of cash or, if desired, its equiv-
alent in lands or insurance, and that
the necessary moneys can be properly
raised without burden to the great
producing classes.

Pledge Veterans Support
We pledge our support for a pro-
gram of legislation for the proper
hospitalization and care of the gallant
ex-service men who were disabled in
the late war, that they may be nursed
to health and happiness, and to pro-
vide them with adequate support dur-
ing their disability.

Elementary and secondary schools
being the foundation upon which the
superstructure of a democracy must
rest, we renew our pledge of adequate
provision for the education of all the
children of all the people of the state.

The issue of tax exempt securities
should be radically curtailed and the
quantity held by one person free from
taxation limited, so that great for-
tunes invested in these securities may
not escape their just proportion of
taxes.

We condemn the Republican state
administration for its veto of the ap-
propriation for the blind, after the
people had, by constitutional amend-
ment, voted a levy for such purposes,
and after the taxes therefor had been
collected from the people and are now
lying idle in the state treasury and
unavailable for any other purpose.

Sympathy for Farmer
We express our profound sympathy
for the great agricultural class of the
United States. There can be no real
prosperity if the farmer is unable to
obtain a fair return upon his invest-
ment and his toil.

We pledge the Democratic party to
extend the farmer cheap credits, to
reduce transportation charges, and so
far as possible to enlarge his markets
and to otherwise co-operate in all just
efforts to alleviate the present adverse
conditions under which the farmer
labors.

We favor the inauguration of a
great system of river improvements
embracing the protection of the river
banks, the prevention by all practical
means of river floods, and the estab-
lishment on and along navigable
streams of boat lines, wharves and the
establishment of just joint boat and
railway rates.

We extend to the Democratic wom-
en, whose full enfranchisement has
enriched our party, our assurance of
full political partnership.

We welcome the contribution of
ideals and loyal strength which our
women have brought to Democracy,
and recognizing the value of that great
service, the Democratic party favors
the enactment of such legislation as
will guarantee them equal opportunity
in all things political.

We invite the co-operation and sup-
port of all patriotic citizens of the
state.

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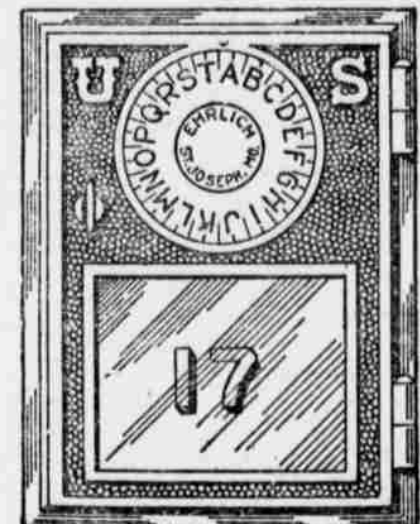
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